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Actor Shilpa Shetty says women are often associated with sacrifice, instead, they should be linked with strength and power

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Rourkela will host the revamped version of the men's matches of the Hockey India League which will restart December 28

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## BPIA to get new terminal: Naidu

AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 4:** Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said Friday that the Centre will grant permission for the construction of a new terminal at Bhubaneswar airport within a month due to increasing footfall.

Speaking after a review meeting, Naidu said the new terminal at the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) is expected to be completed within two years. While the current capacity of Terminal-1 at Bhubaneswar airport is around 40 lakh passengers annually, it has been handling around 50 lakh passengers, he said.

"This underscores the urgent need to expand its capacity to accommodate up to 80 lakh passengers per year," he said.

"Necessary permissions for the new terminal will be issued within a month, following some security protocols," he noted.

Naidu also emphasised the significant growth of BPIA, which currently connects to 20 cities across India and four international destinations. The minister also said that a lot of small works like extension and other passenger amenities are already underway and will be completed within a month. The existing ILS (Instrument Landing System) will also be upgraded within a month, he said.

Replying to a question on the proposed airport at Puri, the minister said the state government started the land acquisition process for the proposed international airport and the Centre has also given site clearance. "We will extend all support to the Odisha government to ensure its timely completion of the proposed airport in Puri," Naidu said.



**FOR A CAUSE:** Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk with 150 'padyatris' addresses a press conference, in New Delhi, Friday. Wangchuk said he and other protesters from Ladakh would sit on an indefinite fast from Saturday since they have not received any response from the government over their demand of meeting the President, Prime Minister or the Union Home Minister. The activists have been demanding statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

PTI PHOTO

## IRREGULAR by MANJUL



It's not for a car or fuel - I need a loan just to pay the toll tax

## SC forms SIT to probe Tirupati laddu row

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Friday set up a five-member independent SIT to probe the allegations of animal fat used in preparing Tirupati laddus to "assuage the feelings of crores of people" while making clear that the court cannot be used as a "political battleground."

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## MARKET WATCH

| INDEX  | VARIATION         |
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| SENSEX | 81688.45 ↓ 808.65 |
| NIFTY  | 25014.60 ↓ 235.50 |
| DOLLAR | 84.03 ↑ ₹0.05     |
| EURO   | 92.11 ↓ ₹0.54     |
| GOLD   | ₹76,190 ↓ ₹54     |
| SILVER | ₹93,700 ↑ ₹72     |

## WEATHER

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| Max Temp | 35.6°C | 34.4°C |
| Min Temp | 26.4°C | 25.5°C |
| Humidity | 76%    | 79%    |
| Rainfall | Nil    | Nil    |

FORECAST: PARTLY CLOUDY SKY

# 36 Maoists gunned down

With the latest encounter, 185 Naxals have been eliminated by the security forces in separate gun battles in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh so far this year

AGENCIES

**Dantewada, Oct 4:** In one of the biggest operations against Maoists in Chhattisgarh, security personnel killed 36 Naxalites in a fierce encounter in Bastar region Friday, a senior police official said.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed the security forces for their operation and said the 'double engine' government (BJP government in the state and at the Centre) is determined to eliminate the menace.

The gunfight broke out at around 1 pm in the forest between Thulthuli and Nendur villages in Abhujmaad on the Narayanpur-Dantewada inter-district border, when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraaj P told PTI over phone.

Personnel belonging to the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF) were involved in the operation, he said.

Along with bodies, a cache



Picture used for representation

of weapons, including an AK-47 rifle and one SLR (self-loading rifle), were recovered from the encounter spot, he said.

Acting on the direction of the Bastar IG, the Narayanpur Superintendent of Police (SP) Prabhakar Kumar directed the jawans to launch a combing operation to flush out the Maoists.

SP Kumar said that the bodies of 36 Maoists were recovered after the hours-long gun battle

between the ultras and the security forces.

Earlier, Dantewada Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai had said around 30 Naxalites were killed in the gun battle.

In a post on X, CM Sai said, "There is news of 28 Naxalites gunned down in an encounter with security forces in the border area of Narayanpur-Dantewada districts. The great

# SC warns Gujarat over demolitions

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**New Delhi, Oct 4:** The Supreme Court Friday cautioned authorities in Gujarat over demolitions in the state, saying if it finds that they acted in contempt of its recent order against such action, it will ask them to restore the structures.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan was hearing a plea seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against the Gujarat authorities for alleged violation of the apex court's September 17 order which had said there shall be no demolition of properties, including of those accused of crimes, across the country without its permission. The bench refused to pass an order of status quo on the demolition near the Somnath temple in Gujarat.

September 28, the authorities in Gujarat carried out a demolition drive to clear encroachments on government land near the Somnath temple in Gir Somnath district.

The administration had said religious structures and concrete houses were demolished during the drive that freed around 15 hectares of govern-

If we find that they are in contempt of our order, not only we will be sending them to jail but we will ask them to restore all this

BENCH OF JUSTICES BR GAVAI & KV VISWANATHAN

ment land valued at ₹60 crore. Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for petitioner Sumast Patni Muslim Jamat, said that despite the top court's order, the authorities in Gujarat have demolished structures. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Gujarat authorities, said the structures were abutting the sea and were around 340 metres away from the Somnath temple.

"This falls within the exception carved out by your lordships," the top law officer said.

In its order last month, the apex court had said, "We further clarify that our order would not be applicable if there is an unauthorised structure in any public place such as road, street, footpath, abutting railway line or any river body or water bodies and also, to cases where there is an order for demolition made by a court of law."

## South Odisha bandh hits life

AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar, Oct 4:** Normal life was affected in Koraput, Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Rayagada districts in southern Odisha Friday due to a 12-hour bandh called by a Joint Action Committee demanding district-level appointment to government jobs instead of the current state-level recruitment.

The bandh, called from 6 am to 6 pm, was supported by 45 mass organisations and Opposition parties the BJD and the Congress.

The agitators claimed that people from advanced districts qualify for government jobs and local youths cannot compete with them due to backwardness of southern Odisha.

Business establishments and educational institutes remained closed while both public transport and private vehicles were off the roads during the bandh. Trucks were seen lined up along highways. Private Bus Owners' Association, Lorry Association, Drivers' Association and District Bar Association supported the bandh call.

Congress' Jeypore MLA Tarapasrad Bahinipati said, "People of Koraput should get jobs such as junior teachers and grade C and D posts in health and education departments. Candidates from other districts joining in Koraput manage to get transfer to their respective districts, causing large number of vacancies for teachers and health workers in Koraput."

## Harrison's guitar could fetch \$800,000

REUTERS

**Liverpool, Oct 4:** An electric guitar played by the late guitarist George Harrison in the early days of the Beatles will go up for sale at an auction next month where it could be sold for more than \$800,000.

Bought from a music store in the band's birth city of Liverpool, Harrison played the Futurama guitar in the early 1960s when the band performed at the Cavern Club, toured Germany and made their first official records for Polydor.

The auctioneers say the Futurama guitar, with its sunburst finish, was one of his most played. They call it "one of the



holy grails of historic Beatles guitars" and said it is expected to ex-

ceed its estimate price tag of \$600,000-\$800,000.

Harrison said the guitar was "very difficult" to play but he liked what he called its "futuristic" look.

"It had a great sound," he later told a journalist. In 1964, Harrison donated the instrument to a rock magazine as a competition prize, but it remained with the publication's editor when the winner opted for a cash prize instead of owning a piece of rock and roll history.

The guitar will be on display at The Beatles Story in Liverpool for the next fortnight before being shown at other museums across Europe. It is due to be auctioned from November 20-22 in the United States.

# leisure



## ZENDAYA FOUND DANCING WITH THE STARS STRESSFUL

Zendaya found competing on *Dancing with the Stars* very stressful. The 28-year-old actress came second on the show with professional partner Val Chmerkovskiy in 2013, but she admitted she has never watched the programme since.

## SYDNEY: I'M NOT FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY JONATHAN

*Euphoria* star Sydney Sweeney said that she is not being financially supported by her fiancé Jonathan Davino. "I'm a successful, independent woman who's worked really hard," added the 27-year-old who has been dating 40-year-old Jonathan since 2018. The two got engaged last year.



### FORTUNE FORECAST

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**ARIES**  
All eyes may be on you today – for your looks, skills, or even your funky bag! Make hay while the sun shines, and charge your batteries with all that attention. You can get some decent work done with that energy, says Ganesh.

**TAURUS**  
You may have a tendency to feel frustrated when the results are not the way you expected, feels Ganesh. You must still work hard and finish whatever you undertake today. You will discuss some vital issues with a close friend and relive cherished secrets with your life partner.

**GEMINI**  
You will lend your innovative and imaginative spark to your initiatives, which will be quite a few, says Ganesh. Love will bring you immense satisfaction. And you will develop a special bond with your spouse or beloved. You, however, are likely to be dragged into a conflict and will be forced to pick a side.

**CANCER**  
Today, you will be trying new things in your style of work. You may come across as mad, but there will be a method in your madness. Your new strategy and innovative ideas will give a new lease of life to the projects you are working on.

**LEO**  
The oath of friendship that you once took as a bunch of raggedy misfits still holds true, and your best buddies are the ones who will stand by your side through hell or high water. Ganesh sees in you the desire to cherish such friends and prove your appreciation by treating them with graceful munificence.

**VIRGO**  
Today, you shall balance business and entertainment equally well. The day will be like an endless party, says Ganesh. The emptying of pockets will be proportional to the amount of time you spend doing nothing. But spend prudently, advises Ganesh, and let it not worry you.

**LIBRA**  
Connect and Express – these are the two things you must aim for at work today. You tend to do both things supremely well, be it in a business dialogue on phone, in writing, or in meetings. Getting across to people is not an issue today. But all this work aside, the lingering feeling of wanting to chill out with your sweetheart may become more substantial towards the evening. Watch a film together, suggests Ganesh.

**SCORPIO**  
Try adding an entirely new dimension to the way you approach relationships today, advises Ganesh. Being tractable will help iron out the creases in relationships with closed ones. But be wary of complete subjugation, warns Ganesh.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Confidence-building measures will need to be taken up. Be the herald, and usher in new vigour and confidence in people around you. Your business is set to skyrocket and a fair share of profits are in the offing, says Ganesh.

**CAPRICORN**  
Memories of the bygone days will flash through your mind, creating a wave of nostalgia and compelling you to get in touch with old pals. On the other hand, there may be a feeling that your loved ones are demanding more than you can give, says Ganesh. But enjoying some light moments with your beloved in the evening will unburden you and charge you up for the next day.

**AQUARIUS**  
Today will be about pleasure and pain! Plumbing, cleaning, grocery shopping, cooking... you can expect anything to weigh you down. Later, you can relax in a hot soak by candlelight, or unwind with a soothing aromatic massage. Ganesh says you'll be grateful for the pleasures only after the pain.

**PISCES**  
A day filled with socialising awaits you, says Ganesh. You will likely make contact with near and dear ones you haven't met in a while. New associations and friendships could also occur. It is a pleasant and joyous day, so make the most of it.

## Stardom is volatile now: Nushratt

Mumbai: The Bollywood Hungama OTT India Fest 2024 and India Entertainment Awards kicked off with a bang October 3 at a city hotel here. The inaugural day featured several insightful panel discussions with prominent figures from the Indian OTT industry. On the second day of the event Friday, Nushratt Bharuchha talked about several aspects of the film industry, growing OTT space and what does stardom mean in current times. The *Akeli* actress said, "I have actually, of lately, started believing and feeling that just the kind of stars we have now, new generation stars – stardom is very volatile right now. For me, I think the content is the star. On one Friday, you could be a big star

on any platform – OTT, films or any platform – if the content is not supported by the audiences, then your stardom becomes invisible or if it works on a Friday or any day whenever or wherever it releases, then you become a star. So, it has become very volatile." She went on to add, "It's not what it was before that you are a star for generations now. These are very short-lived. And it's become difficult to actually decide the magnitude of your stardom based on the social media life you are living today."

## Ananya's shocking revelation

Mumbai: Actress Ananya Panday has made a shocking revelation about her relationship and said that she does not know why she gets cheated on so much.

In a video shared by streaming giant Netflix, Ananya, who reportedly parted ways with actor Aditya Roy Kapur in March, was speaking about how she got cheated on by an ex boyfriend from her school days.

The actress said: "So, in school my second boyfriend said he cheated on me. He went for a football camp or something and when he came back everyone was like 'Oh, he kissed some chick'."

The actress said that she confronted him and had a showdown in school. "I was really upset and then I confronted him in school and full showdown and I was like you suck and all of that stuff. Then we broke up."

The shocking revelation came later in the form of a message on her phone. The 25-year-old actress said she doesn't understand why she constantly gets cheated on.

"My cheating story. I mean cheating happened to me were very weird stories because the second time someone cheated on me... I don't know why I get cheated on so much but when..."

On the work front, Ananya will next be seen in the thriller *CTRL* directed by Vikramaditya Motwane.



## Sidharth calls fans his 'inspiration'

Mumbai: Actor Sidharth Malhotra took to his social media handle and shared a heart-warming post for all his fans ahead of Animal Welfare Day. Taking to X account (formerly

known as Twitter), the Student of the Year fame actor wrote, "Amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday life, some pause to show incredible compassion, caring for animals that many overlook." "Their selfless dedication exemplifies true kindness. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who go the extra mile for our furry friends—you are an inspiration to me!" (with a paw and heart emoji). Earlier, many pictures of the 'Yodha' fame actor have surfaced online in which he

was seen playing with a furry friend. Sidharth took to his Instagram and shared a glimpse as he played with a cat.

On the work front, Sidharth made his film debut in 2012, with Karan Johar's teen drama *Student of the Year* with Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt.

He later became part of many finest films including *Hasee Toh Phasee*, *Brothers*, *A Gentleman*, *Ittefaq*, *Aiyaary*, *Jabariya Jodi*, *Marjaavaan*, *Thank God*, and *Mission Majnu*.

## Shilpa's definition of womanhood

Mumbai: Actress Shilpa Shetty has said that women are often associated with sacrifice instead they should be linked with strength and power.

Shilpa will be seen as a guest on the singing based reality show *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*, which has Sachin-Jigar, Sachet Parampara and Guru Randhwa as the mentors, and Vipul Roy and Salman Ali as the hosts this time around.

The top 12 contestants will be seen putting their best foot forward to wow the guests. Contestant Riya Bhattacharya's special gesture towards her mother moves Shilpa when she did her mother's aarti to seek blessings before her performance.

Shilpa said, "Usually when we talk about women it is often associated with sacrifices, but I believe that *Ek Naari ko Himmat aur Taakat* se associate karna chahiye. Whatever you have done today, Riya is so proud of you (her mother). And honestly, I even feel very proud when I hear about such stories."

The actress revealed that she even worships her mother. "Whatever I am today, wherever I have reached in life, it is only because of her support, and that is why I understand this emotion. A mother is always the strongest pillar in your life, a pillar that will always support you unconditionally," she said.

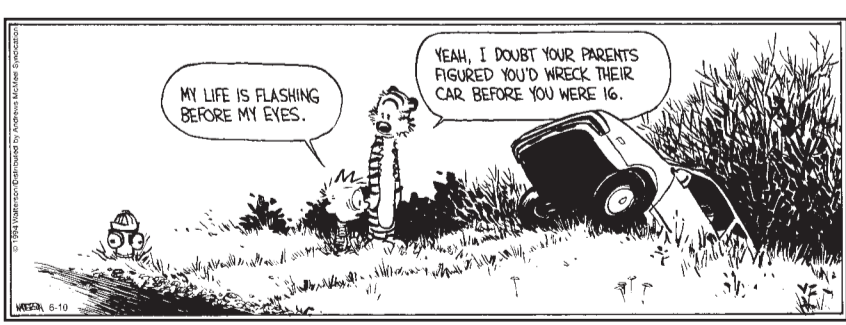
*Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* airs on Zee TV.



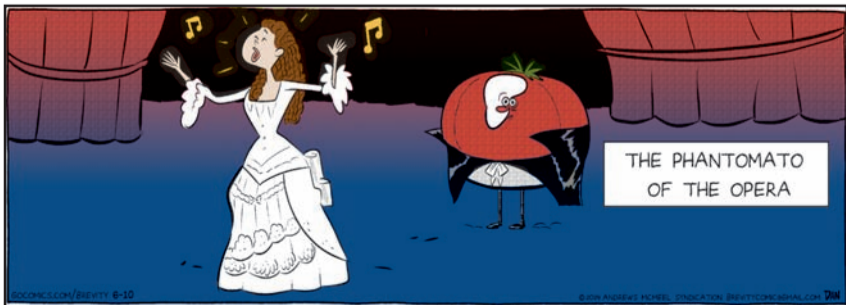
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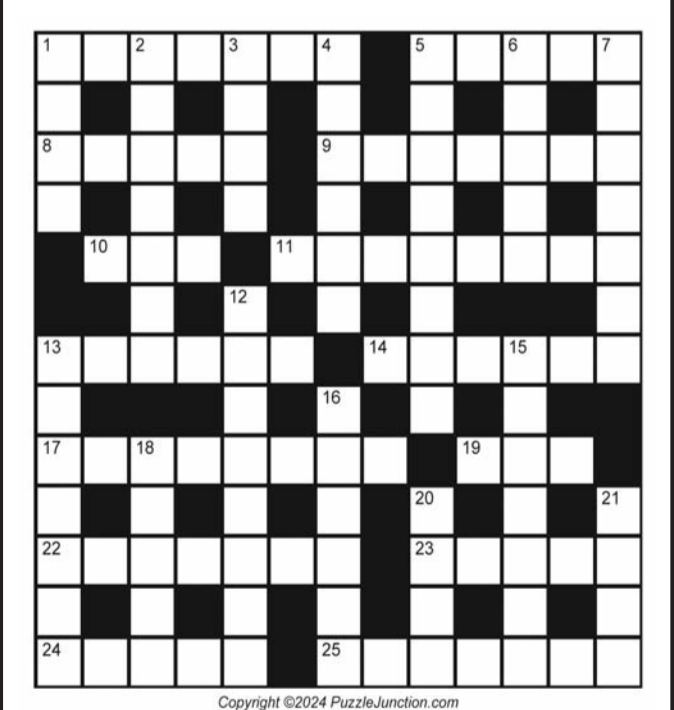
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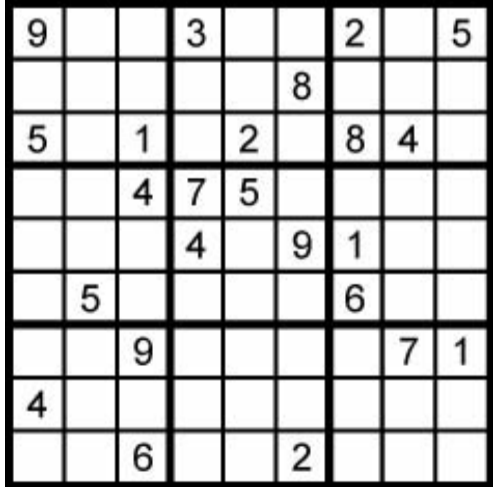
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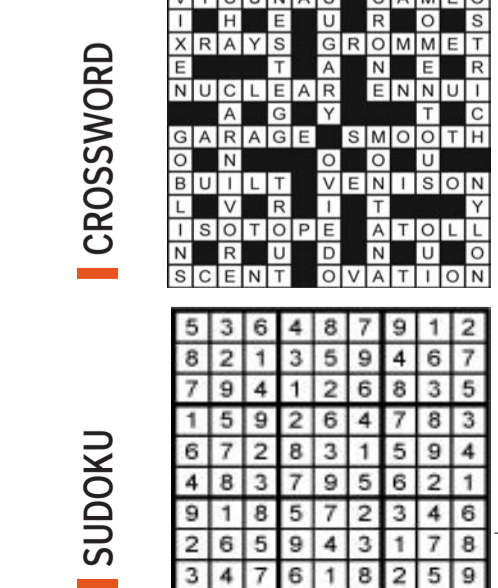
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  - 14 Prophet
  - 17 Type of jacket
  - 19 Favorite
  - 22 Opening
  - 23 Fable finale
  - 24 Opus
  - 25 Altar boy
- Down**
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  - 2 Type of restaurant or checkers
  - 3 Perspective
  - 4 Curler
  - 5 Pure mathematics
  - 6 For all to see
  - 7 E-mail, e.g.
  - 12 Crumbly cheese
  - 13 Part of a heartbeat
  - 15 Distinctly
  - 16 Movie house
  - 18 Gallic goodbye
  - 20 Bullets, briefly
  - 21 The colour of blood, maybe?

### SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



### SOLUTIONS



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW

# downtown

## CM to give appointment letters to over 16,000 teachers today

POST NEWS NETWORK  
Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi is scheduled to give appointment letters to 16,009 junior teachers (schematic) during an event at Kalinga Stadium here Saturday, official sources said, Friday. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, School and Mass Education Minister Nityananda Gond, Higher Education Minister Suryabanshi Suraj and senior officials will attend the programme. "This appointment will be a big step towards quality education in Odisha. It will help strengthen the education infrastructure in the state. As the state government aims to create a 'Viksit Odisha' by 2036, this initiative will

play an important role in achieving the goal," said an official of the S&ME department. About the recruitment, the official said 424 teachers will be appointed in Angul district, 600 in Balasore district, 479 in Bargarh district, 260 in Bhadrak district, 1,080 in Bolangir district, 65 in Boudh district and 893 in Cuttack district. "While 21 teachers will be appointed in Deogarh district, 583 will be posted in Dhenkanal district. Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur and Jajpur districts will get 13, 1264, 88 and 872 junior teachers (schematic), respectively," he said. While 38 junior teachers (schematic) will be appointed in Jharsuguda district, Kalahandi district will get 811 new junior teachers (schematic).

Kandhamal, Kendrapara, Keonjhar and Khurda districts will get 151, 1038, 1329 and 753 such teachers, respectively, he added. "Altogether 922 junior teachers (schematic) will get appointment for Koraput district, 555 for Malkangiri district, 827 for Mayurbhanj district and 860 for Nabarangpur district. Nayagarh, Nuapada and Puri districts will get 83, 221 and 733 such teachers, respectively," according to the official. While 511 junior teachers (schematic) will get appointment letters for Rayagada district, Sambalpur district will get 218 such teachers. Moreover, Subarnapur and Sundargarh districts will be getting 157 and 160 junior teachers (schematic), respectively, he pointed out.



DECKED UP: Preparations at Jharpada Durga Puja mandap in Bhubaneswar reach final phases, Friday. PIC: MANORANJAN MISHRA

## 3 more interstate burglary gang members held



AGENCIES  
Berhampur, Oct 4: Three more members of an inter-state burglary gang were arrested Friday in connection with looting a jewellery shop in Berhampur city September 3, police said. With the fresh arrests, altogether nine people have been apprehended in connection with looting gold and silver ornaments worth ₹80 lakh from a jewellery outlet near Kamapalli in Baidyanathpur police station area on the night of September 3. The trio, identified as Wahajuddin, 44, of Seohara in Bijinor district and Himansu Verma, 24, of Orai in Uttar Pradesh, and Sanjay Ghildayal, 38, of Kotdwar in Uttarakhand were arrested from Berhampur when they were in the city to commit another dacoity, SP Sarvan Vivek M said. Around 10 kg silver and ₹1.57 lakh cash were seized from the trio, the officer said. Besides, house-breaking instruments, including gas cutter, a scooter and five mobile phone sets were also seized from their possession, he added. Earlier September 21 police had arrested six members of the gang and seized ₹1.63 lakh cash from their possession. They were identified as Mayadhar Behera, 42, of Sikiri in Ganjam district, the mastermind, Manjit, 42, of Haryana, Suraj, 42, and Vipin Kumar, 40, of Uttar Pradesh, Guruprit Singh, 27, of Punjab and Vikash Kumar, 35, of Dehradun in Uttarakhand. After looting the jewellery outlet in Berhampur, the accused persons had fled to New Delhi, but when they returned here to commit another major crime, police nabbed them, the SP said. "We are investigating whether any more persons were involved in the incident," the officer said. Police sources said that Mayadhar Behera had come in contact with the other accused during his term in Tihar Jail.

## Drunk man stabs cop, held

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: In yet another instance of the deteriorating law and order situation in the Capital city, a police constable and a Home Guard were stabbed by a drunken man in a slum cluster under Mancheswar police station limits little past Thursday midnight before he was arrested. The miscreant has been identified as Deepak Naik, a native of Nayagarh district who lives in the Sriram Nagar slums in Chakeisiani area. He has been booked under Sections 126 (2) (wrongful restraint), 118 (2) (causing grievous hurt to an individual), 109 (1) (intentionally hurting an individual), and a host of other BNS provisions. Deputy Commissioner



of Police (DCP) Pinak Mishra said Friday that constable Gopi Sabar has received cuts in his chest, while Home Guard Abdul Sarfaraj sustained minor injuries in his leg. They were stated to be out of danger. Moreover, three locals also suffered minor injuries in the brazen knife attack. Mishra said Sabar and Sarfaraj were alerted by

a distress call at around 1 am Friday while patrolling in Mancheswar area. The caller said a drunken man was terrorizing people at Sriram Nagar slums with a knife. The on-duty personnel rushed to the spot and tried to arrest Deepak. However, when the miscreant attempted to run away, Sabar gave him a chase. Deepak then turned back and stabbed Gopi in the chest, leaving the latter bleeding profusely. Sarfaraj, who came to Sabar's rescue and tried to snatch the knife from Naik also received injuries in his leg. DCP Mishra said adding that three locals also sustained minor injuries in the scuffle while trying to help the cops. The Mancheswar police produced Deepak before a local court Friday for remand.

## LAND ACQUISITION Full-time tribunal at Talcher for disposal of cases

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 4: The government has decided to set up a full-time special tribunal at Talcher in Odisha for speedy disposal of cases related to land acquisition with a view to augmenting coal mining. Land acquisition for coal mining has become a vexing problem for coal companies for a number of reasons leading to delays in the operationalisation of blocks. "The Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in its meeting held on 3rd October 2024, approved the creation of the post of Presiding Officer for a full-time Special Tribunal at Talcher, Odisha, under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957," the Coal ministry said in a statement Friday. At present, the part-time tribunal at Talcher has

been handling an increasing number of land acquisition and compensation disputes which has resulted in a backlog of 860 cases as of May 31. "To address this, the government is setting up a special tribunal ensuring faster resolutions and greater satisfaction for farmers and landowners," the statement said. The appointment of a full-time presiding officer will address these issues by fast-tracking the resolution of disputes related to land acquisition and compensation, ensuring quicker justice for affected landowners, and helping clear the long-standing backlog. Moreover, the enhanced rate of case disposal will contribute to public accountability, strengthen the rule of law and improve the ease of living in the region.

## Larson: Free, open press cornerstone of any democracy

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The US Consul General, Hyderabad, Jennifer Larson Friday said a free and open press is the cornerstone of any democracy. She urged journalists to promote truth and transparency in their reporting. Addressing over 30 Odisha journalists at the valedictory session of a training programme on countering disinformation news, Jennifer said, "A free and open press is the cornerstone of any democracy. Your commitment to fact-checking and responsible journalism is commendable and sets a high standard for others to follow." The Hyderabad-based US Consulate General extended support for organising a training programme for journalists from Odisha on countering disinformation.

## HITTING STREETS

Members of All Odisha Rice Millers' Association stage a demonstration at Lower PMG in Bhubaneswar, Friday, to press for fulfilment of their demands



# Naidu: No political talks at Raj Bhawan

Statement of former Vice President comes a day after BJD alleged that Odisha Governor's House had turned into a 'war room' for BJP ahead of the Jharkhand elections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar, Oct 4: The office of former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu Friday said no political issue was discussed when he met Odisha Governor Raghubar Das a week ago at the Raj Bhawan here amid speculation that the former Jharkhand chief minister is interested to return to active politics. Naidu and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met Das September 27. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi was also there. Sarma is also the BJP's co-in-charge for the Jharkhand Assembly election which is due later this year. In a post on X, Naidu's office said it had been a courtesy call. "No political motives should be ascribed to this courtesy call and dragging the office of the former Vice President of India into a po-



litical controversy of this nature is patently unfair," the post read. The statement came a day after BJD alleged that the Odisha Raj Bhawan had turned out to be a 'war room' for the BJP ahead of the Jharkhand elections and the dignity of the Governor's House got eroded. It is being speculated that Das, who was the chief minister of Jharkhand between 2014 and 2019, wants to return to the politics of his home state. After the meeting at Raj Bhawan September 27, the Assam

CM had said his talks with the Odisha Governor are personal and have no relation to the Jharkhand elections. In the post, Naidu's office said that the former Vice President was in Bhubaneswar to attend the convocation of ASBM as chief guest and it was scheduled months ahead. "As per protocol, the former Vice President stays at Raj Bhawan and it is customary for the Governor and other dignitaries to call on the former VP as a courtesy," the post said.

## HC notice to state on constable recruitment

POST NEWS NETWORK

Cuttack, Oct 4: The Orissa High Court Friday sought responses from the Home department, DGP, IG and state selection board (SSB) on a plea challenging the maximum age prescribed for the recruitment of constables and sepoy. Observing that the petitioners have the right to participate in

the recruitment process, Justice Sashikanta Mishra directed the authorities to accept the petitioners' application for the posts. The results of the recruitment, however, cannot be declared without the court's permission, it said while hearing a plea filed by Chittaranjan Das and others. The SSB had September 22 published a notification for fill-

ing up of 1360 sepoy/constable posts. The minimum age limit was 18 and the maximum 23. The petitioners contended that as the fresh recruitment exams are going to be held after a gap of six years, the board should consider extending the maximum age limit. The next hearing on the case has been scheduled for November 22.

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# 'Adulterated' ghee at temples sparks row

# NEWBORN THROWN OFF RIVER BRIDGE, RESCUED



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SARALA TEMPLE

of impure ghee supplied by us is not true."

In the second incident, following allegations of use of adulterated ghee at Maa Sarala Temple at Kanakpur in Jagatsinghpur, the district officials Thursday visited the shrine and took stock of the situation.

The chief priest of Sarala Temple Ranjan Kumar Panda made the allegations terming the ghee 'poor and of substandard'.

On being informed, a four-member team led by district food safety officer Samita Das conducted searches at the storeroom of the famous temple and collected the samples of the ghee supplied by Omfed. The seized ghee was sent for a laboratory test.

The servants at the storeroom of the temple as well as devotees also seconded the charges. They alleged that the ghee supplied to the temple emits an unpleasant odour.

Temple office in-charge Barada Mohanty alleged that earlier there were instances of froth on the ghee which would often give out pungent smell.

POST NEWS NETWORK

Udala, Oct 4: An abandoned newborn baby boy, stuffed in a bag, was rescued from under Sone river bridge near Athanagaon village under this police station in Mayurbhanj district Friday.

Prima facie, it appears that someone had thrown the bag off the 60-ft high river bridge. However, the baby survived, apparently due to the sand on the riverbed. A few women who were washing clothes in the river heard the faint cries of the baby and rushed to the spot to find the newborn inside a plastic bag, wrapped in newspapers. Once the news spread, locals hurried to the scene.

Villagers rescued the baby and admitted him to Udala Hospital where his condition is stated to be stable.

Dr Madhusmita Behera at the hospital confirmed that the baby was born Friday. Though there were no deep injuries on his body, the baby is being closely



monitored and is doing well. The doctor also noted that the baby wasn't born in a hospital.

Meanwhile, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) also arrived at the hospital and attempted to take the newborn into custody. But the CWC members faced resistance from the locals present there, leading to a face-off between them. Eventually, police arrived at the hospital and brought the situation under control.

The police said the baby would be taken into CWC custody with due procedure, and that anyone who is interested to adopt the child can approach the CWC.

The baby has now been transferred to Baripada, where the CWC will take custody of him. Meanwhile, the police have launched a manhunt to nab the person behind the inhuman act and identify the child's parents. People have demanded stringent action against the mother who had abandoned the baby.

PNN & AGENCIES

**Kendrapara/Jagatsinghpur, Oct 4:** A day after a fake ghee unit was busted at Jagatpur New Industrial Estate in Cuttack, allegations have come to the fore about the use of adulterated ghee in preparation of prasad and conduct of rituals at the famous Sri Baladev Temple in Kendrapara and Maa Sarala Temple in Jagatsinghpur.

Reports said servants of the famous Sri Baladev Temple in Kendrapara district Friday alleged that adulterated ghee was used to prepare prasad and

bhog in the 300-year-old temple.

Sarat Patri, one of the priests of the temple, stumbled across adulterated ghee tins in the temple kitchen and raised the issue before the temple managing committee.

The temple authorities have recently procured six tins of government-owned Omfed ghee to prepare bhog for the temple during the Navaratri period. However, the cooks found an unpleasant odour and a sour taste of the ghee. Other priests and cooks of the temple also raised doubts about the purity of ghee. Balabhadra Patri, executive

officer of Baladev temple managing committee, said "Omfed supplied substandard ghee to the temple for which bad smell was emitting from the ghee. We returned all the five ghee tins to the Omfed branch office at Kendrapara Friday."

When contacted, marketing in-charge of Kendrapara Omfed branch Lingaraj Parida said, "The ghee supplied by us to the temple developed a bad odour as it was exposed to moisture and heat for too long. We have instructed the temple authorities to store the ghee in a cool place in future. The allegation

## Woman gets life term for killing infant son

AGENCIES

**Baripada, Oct 4:** A court in Mayurbhanj district Friday handed down life imprisonment to a woman for killing her one-and-a-half-month-old son.

Rairangpur Additional District and Sessions Judge V Sujata convicted Parbati Naik, 30, and awarded her life sentence for killing her son following a quarrel with her husband.

The woman, the second wife of a resident of

Bankidihi village under Bisoil police station, strangled her son to death and threw the body in a pond behind their residence.

The incident occurred September 10 last year when her husband went to a market and the first wife of her husband went to the paddy field.

The father of the deceased child lodged an FIR at Bisoil police station, following which police registered a murder case and arrested the mother.

## MLA writes to CM for new housing projects in Rourkela

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Rourkela, Oct 4:** Keeping in mind the housing problem faced by residents of the Steel City,

Raghunathpali MLA Durga Charan Tanty has made a fervent appeal to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi to initiate residential projects in vacant land parcels.

In his letter, the legislator has mentioned how new housing projects have eluded Rourkela for the last 20 years. "I draw your kind attention to the fact that no housing project has come up in Rourkela in the last 20 years," wrote Majhi. He also said, "There is much demand for houses here. Rourkela Steel Plant received approximately 6,000 acres of land on lease from the state government. Of this, 1,000 acres remain unused while 400 acres have been encroached upon."

He mentioned that Odisha State Housing Board (OSHB) managing director had made a request to the director in-charge of RSP to allot the

unutilised land to the board. "A minimum of five acres and above should be allotted to OSHB to pave way for construction of more than 10,000 houses. And this project will benefit not only retiring SAIL employees but also displaced persons, and low and middle income families," Tanty wrote in the letter.

Stating that the OSHB office here is almost defunct and is running with only two staffers, the MLA said, "The move will help reenergize the OSHB office and also address encroachment issues."

He further cited about the vacant land parcels where the project/s can come up. The places, he mentioned, include around 80 acres near CWS Hospital area, nearly 60 acres behind Jhirpani police station, some parcels near BPUT and 100 acres of land near Birsamunda Hockey stadium, under the jurisdiction of Rourkela Municipal Corporation and Rourkela Development Authority, and around 60 acres of land adjacent to Sector-9.

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## SHORT TAKES

### Jumbo kills man in Koira range

**ROURKELA:** An elephant, which was tranquilised and a radio collar was tagged to it recently, killed a villager late Thursday night. The deceased was identified as Sama Munda, 45, of Patamunda village under Koira police station. Sama, along with a few other villagers, was guarding his plantation in the night when the elephant appeared from nowhere. Before Sama could realize anything, the wild animal picked him up and banged him on the ground. The other villagers shouted for help but Sama could not be saved. A radio collar was put on the jumbo September 17 night to keep a track of its movement. But it seems that the collar did not serve the purpose and Sama lost his life. Meanwhile, the villagers staged a demonstration demanding compensation to Sama's family. They withdrew the agitation when the family received the funeral expenses from the administration.

### Man gets 20-yr RI for raping minor

**BALASORE:** A court in this district Friday sentenced a man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) for raping a 14-year-old girl and impregnating her last year. Special judge, Balasore POCSO court, Ranjan Kumar Sutar convicted Sukura Singh, 34, a resident of Ganipur under Remuna police station, for the rape and also imposed a penalty of ₹5,000, the failure of payment of which will attract an additional jail term of two years, according to the court order. The survivor's father had lodged an FIR July 3 last year alleging that Singh had sexually assaulted the girl while she was working at a brick kiln at Kharagpur in adjoining West Bengal.

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PROGRESS & CHALLENGES



There is no reason to give up hope. The problem is not that everything is getting worse. It is that many things are not getting better any faster than they were before

4.9 million. The country-level trends driving this were a mixed bag. Twenty developing countries notched faster improvements while more than 40 had slower gains.

One can feel both buoyed by the progress and anxious about the challenges. Remarkably, more than half the excess child mortality could occur in just three countries by the end of the decade – Nigeria, Pakistan, and the DRG.

Overall, a nuanced assessment of the SDGs can offer encouragement alongside the sober realism that current conditions demand.

The world is full of warning signs, and too much of humanity continues to carry an extraordinary burden.

Homi Kharas is a senior fellow at the Center for Sustainable Development at the Brookings Institution while John W McArthur is Director of the same institution.

PROJECT SYNDICATE

Any reader of the daily news could be forgiven for thinking the world is in decline. Amid so many conflicts and societal strains, the United Nations regularly warns that only 17% of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – the economic, social, and environmental targets all countries set in 2015 – are on track to be met by 2030.



Homi Kharas and John W. McArthur

EXTREME POVERTY REMAINS CONCENTRATED IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT WERE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO REDUCE IT

This is what we set out to do in a recent study, with our colleague Odera Onyechi, estimating country-level progress around the world.

Even if the pace of progress is not sufficient to achieve what 193 countries committed to delivering, this does not mean everything is getting worse.

rendous health and educational consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. But they do show why we need to differentiate progress toward the SDGs more systematically.

When we investigate which trends have changed since the SDG agreement in 2015, the results are more muted.

For eight indicators, however, we found no change in the long-term rate of progress, and spotted signs of a slowdown in nine others.

Moreover, the slowdowns do not always come as a surprise. The pandemic caused a clear short-term increase in the number of people living in extreme

poverty, but most of that impact has now faded. Notwithstanding all the big global shocks of the past few years, one finds that the same core challenge persists: Extreme poverty remains concentrated in those countries that were already struggling to reduce it.

On some measures, the apparent rate of progress doesn't tell the right story. With respect to the environment, for example, annual changes in protected areas or greenhouse-gas emissions don't say much about the risk of hitting a catastrophic tipping point.

Other individual SDG-related issues can feed into competing narratives. Consider the challenge of child mortality.

Studios Silence

Be fearless and resolute, all obstacles will melt away before you.

THE MOTHER



The media is buzzing with tales of a whopping Rs 50 crore heist from a retired IAS officer's high residence in the tranquil hills of Uttarakhand.

The babu, once a powerful figure in a nearby state government and still considered very close to the Chief Minister there, has now become the focus of suspicion on social media.

Neither the authorities nor anyone associated with the officer appears prepared to speak out, adding to the mystery.

Many people question why the authorities are so tight-lipped. Meanwhile, reports indicate that the officer's wife was emotionally affected by the occurrence.

What's really going on here? Some argue that this is yet another example of how certain public officials stash illicit wealth in cash to avoid detection by agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).



BABUDOM BYTES

Dilip Cherian

If the stolen money is found, experts warn that any attempt by the officer to reclaim it could trigger a new legal firestorm under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

For now, the silence around the case only seems to intensify public curiosity. The lack of an official statement, whispers about who the officer might be, and the staggering amount of money involved have everyone waiting for more details to surface.

Delhi DMs get more powers, ruffle feathers

The Delhi government's recent move to form 'working groups' of District Magistrates (DMs) to assess and improve the functioning of various departments has raised eyebrows.

Many in the administration are questioning the practicality of junior DMs overseeing and advising more experienced senior officials.

This bold move comes at a time of transition for Delhi, with newly appointed Chief Minister Atishi stepping into the shoes of Arvind Kejriwal.

A senior official explained that this initiative aligns with Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's vision of making DMs more active and dynamic.

The order coincides with a renewed push for cohesion between Atishi, AAP ministers, and senior babus, aiming for better coordination across key departments like transport, health, and education.

Why merging DIPAM and DPE makes sense

The government is once again considering the merger of two important departments: the Department of Investment & Public Asset Management (DIPAM) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE).

The idea behind the merger is to create more synergy and liquidity for the NDA government's ambitious investment projects.

This proposal isn't entirely new. It was first floated during the NaMo 2.0 era but didn't materialize for various reasons.

So why merge these two departments? DIPAM deals with investment and disinvestment in CPSUs, while DPE focuses on the management and performance of these enterprises.

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- The only solutions that are ever worth anything are the solutions that people find themselves. SATYAJIT RAY
Man is a genius when he is dreaming. AKIRA KUROSAWA
Film is very much a universal and common voice, and we can't limit it to one particular culture. ABBAS KIAROSTAMI

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1961: The American romantic comedy Breakfast at Tiffany's, an adaptation of Truman Capote's novella, had its world premiere; it became especially known for Audrey Hepburn's performance as the free-spirited Holly Golightly.
1962: The first installment in the James Bond film series, Dr. No, had its world premiere; the British spy film was adapted from Ian Fleming's novel and starred Sean Connery.
1969: The British television series Monty Python's Flying Circus debuted on the BBC and proved to be a watershed for TV comedy around the world.
1975: English actress Kate Winslet, who was known for her sharply drawn portrayals of spirited and unusual women, was born.

SPECTRUM MENTAL HEALTH

Ensuring mental wellbeing at workplace

October 10 marks World Mental Health Day, a global observance dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues, encouraging support for individuals facing mental health challenges and promoting mental wellbeing as a universal priority.



Bhaskar Nath Biswal

PRIORITISING MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK IS NOT ONLY A MORAL IMPERATIVE BUT ALSO A BUSINESS NECESSITY

The WHO defines mental health as a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community.

and community engagement, while poor mental health can lead to physical illnesses and social issues.

A healthy mind enables individuals to navigate life's challenges, build meaningful connections, and reach their full potential.

The recent death of a young chartered accountant from EY Global, has drawn national level attention to the extreme workload that exists today.

Of course, that is right but what about the workers in the unorganized sector: Globally, more than 50% of workers are employed in the informal economy, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and neglect.

structural support, these workers stay in unsafe working environments for long working hours exposed to increased risk of mental and physical health issues.

The government is enacting national policies like the National Mental Health Policy (2014), the National Youth Policy (2014), and the National Education Policy (2020), all of which highlight the importance of mental health across the entire care continuum.

However, the biggest hindrance is the low awareness of the people about the mental health problems. Unless until one is facing individually or a member of the family is suffering from mental health illness, people never talk or think about the ailment.

ward enhancing services and treatment at the secondary, primary, and community levels.

Psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed professional clinical counselors, social workers, nurse practitioners, and family physicians can help manage mental illness with treatments such as therapy, counseling, and medication but there is dearth of these personnel in our country.

In conclusion, prioritising mental health at work is not only a moral imperative but also a business necessity.

The writer is Founder, Supporting Shoulders, Jeypore, Odisha

PM's silence

Sir, The Tirupati laddu issue grew much bigger than the actual size of the prasadam itself and snowballed into a nationwide polemic solely because of our dirty politicians, who will not spare even the god for their selfish and cheap political gains.

Application of mind

Sir, This refers to the news report "Criminalising marital rape will ruin marriages: Govt" (Orissa POST, October 4).

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Readers of Orissa POST are most welcome to contribute letters (200 words), articles and columns (between 750-1250 words). Contributors are requested to send their contact numbers and full postal address/email ID.

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Ranganathan Sivakumar, CHENNAI

Arun Gupta, KOLKATA

Kerala govt pays tributes to victims

CM Vijayan stated that due to the effects of global warming and climate change, Kerala is becoming a land prone to severe natural disasters

WAYANAD LANDSLIDE



debris flowed at a speed of 100 kilometers per hour, totaling 5.72 million cubic meters. "The debris reached heights of up to 32 meters," he added, noting that the extreme rainfall, which occurred locally due to climate change, caused this landslide. In the disaster that directly affected the areas of Panchirimattam, Mundakkai, Chooralmala, and Attamala, 231 lives were lost, and 47 individuals are reported missing, he said. A total of 145 houses were completely destroyed, while 170 were partially damaged. Two hundred forty houses have become uninhabitable, and 183 houses were swept away. "In light of scientific studies, it has been found that there are even more houses in areas deemed

uninhabitable. The total loss in Meppadi, including shops, livelihoods, vehicles, agriculture, and livestock, amounts to at least ₹1,200 crore," the CM said. Currently, 794 families who survived the disaster in Meppadi are living in rental houses, he said. Vijayan stated that due to the effects of global warming and climate change, Kerala is becoming a land prone to severe natural disasters. The chief minister said that to combat such disasters, which are likely to recur and to minimize their impact, the state government has established a Climate Change Adaptation Mission. He emphasised that Kerala requires the support and cooperation of the scientific community, the Central government, and ex-

perts at the global level, as well as the public, to effectively address global warming and climate change and to survive the disasters resulting from them. The Congress leader also mentioned the lack of significant assistance from the Central government so far, despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the affected areas. The leaders also recalled that a landslide occurred in Vilangad, part of the Vaniyambalam Panchayat in Kozhikode district, July 30. According to the Kozhikode District Disaster Management Authority, a valuable life was lost there, along with homes, shops, livelihoods, vehicles, agriculture, and livestock. The total loss in Vilangad amounts to at least ₹217 crore.

21 NEWLY CO-DISTRICTS INAUGURATED IN ASSAM

Assam is the first state to set up co-districts which will serve as smaller administrative units below the district level



Guwahati, Oct 4: Twenty-one newly created co-districts in Assam were inaugurated Friday by different ministers, an official release said.

The Assam government has created 39 new co-districts in the state in a bid to take the administration to the doorstep of the citizens. Of the 39 co-districts, 21 were inaugurated Friday while the remaining 18 will be inaugurated Saturday. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was scheduled to inaugurate Jalukbari co-district (also his Assembly constituency), under Kamrup Metropolitan, Saturday. Assam is the first state to set up co-districts which will serve as smaller administrative units below the district level, it said. The co-districts have been set up with the objective of timely access to essential government services by citizens, to improve efficiency bringing governance to the grassroots and streamlining citizen-centric services. The co-districts will deal with

land revenue matters, development works and welfare schemes, food and civil supplies, excise, panchayat and rural development and disaster management. Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development Ranjeet Kumar Dassa inaugurated the two co-districts of Bilasipara and Golaganj in Dhubri district while Minister for Handloom and Textiles UG Brahma was present at Goalpara (West). Minister for Environment and Forests CM Patowary inaugurated the co-district of Rangia in Kamrup district, Transport minister Keshab Mahanta at Kaliabor in Nagaon district and Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Ashok Singhal at Sipajhar and

Dalgaon in Darrang district. Minister for Water Resources Pijush Hazarika inaugurated the co-districts of Naduar and Behali in Sonitpur district, Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Nandita Garlosa at Gohpur in Biswanath and Education Minister Ranaj Pegu at Jonai in Dhenaji district. Industry and Commerce minister Bimal Borah inaugurated the co-districts of Margherita and Sadiya in Tinsukia district and Revenue and Disaster Management minister Jogen Mohan at Khowang in Dibrugarh district. Finance minister Ajanta Neog inaugurated Titabor in Jorhat district, Agriculture minister Atul Bora at Bokakhat while Labour minister Sanjoy Kishan was at Dergaon and Sarupathar in Golaghat district. In Barak Valley, Tourism minister Jayanta Malla Baruah inaugurated the co-districts of Patrharkandi and Ram Krishna Nagar in Karimganj district. The remaining 18 co-districts, including four in Kamrup (Metro), two each in Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar and Morigaon along with one each in Bongaigaon, Nagaon, Hojai, Sonitpur, Charaideo and Cachar, will be inaugurated Saturday.

Soldier Thomas laid to rest with military honours

Pathanamthitta (Kerala), Oct 4: Thomas Cherian, an army jawan, who died in a plane crash in 1968, was laid to rest with full military honours in a specially prepared burial chamber in a church courtyard in this district Friday afternoon. Earlier in the day, the mortal remains, escorted by military personnel, arrived at his family res-

idence in Elanthoor village in this district. After the priests performed the religious rites and the police gave a gun salute, the body was taken to St Peter's Orthodox Church, Karur. Hundreds of people, mainly from the Elanthoor locality and from far and wide, gathered to pay their last respects to the soldier's mortal remains 56 years after his death. Kerala Health

Minister Veena George, Pathanamthitta MP Anto Antony, leaders of various political parties, and senior officials of the military and civil administration paid homage to the soldier. The military accorded full honours before the body was taken on its final journey. The remains of Cherian, a resident of Kerala's Pathanamthitta district, were recovered 56 years after an ill-fated aircraft of the Indian

Air Force crashed over the Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh. His remains were among the four recovered through a search mission, the Army had said. The mortal remains of the soldier were received Thursday at Air Force Station Shangungham in Thiruvananthapuram with full military honours and were kept at the Pangode Military Station. The coffin was taken to his village Friday morning.

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Indian Army to hold 62nd Walong Day

Itanagar, Oct 4: The Indian Army is all set to commemorate the 62nd Walong Day with a series of grand events, paying homage to the indomitable courage and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought valiantly during the Battle of Walong in the 1962 Sino-Indian War. The celebrations are set to begin October 17 with a solemn opening ceremony and wreath-laying at the Walong War Memorial, the place of remembrance of the brave hearts who laid down their lives defending the country. The day will not just be a tribute to the past but a vibrant celebration of the gallant spirit of the Indian Army, a defence communique said here Friday. The month-long events are designed to both commemorate the past and to engage the local community and promote nation-building. The month-long celebrations include battlefield treks, car rally, medical and veterinary camps, adventure treks, cycle and motorcycle expedition and the half marathon finishing at Walong. Each event symbolizes the indomitable spirit of the Indian Army and its dedication to keep the memory of the fallen heroes alive, it said. The Indian Army's involvement in the Battle of Walong stands as a testament to the sheer bravery, dedication and an unwavering spirit of its soldiers.

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# international



**Many fear that today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's East Asia. Why did deterrence not work in Ukraine? Combined with the situation in the Middle East, the international community is becoming increasingly divided and confrontational**  
**SHIGERU ISHIBA** | NEW PM, JAPAN

**MUSK'S X IN SOUP**  
An Australian court upholds an order Friday for Elon Musk's X to pay a fine of \$418,000 for failing to cooperate with a regulator's request for information about anti-child-abuse practices



## of the day quote

**Vice President Harris and I are committed that this White House will continue to condemn in all forms anti-Islam, anti-Arab sentiments being led by Donald Trump, but more importantly, a commitment that Muslims will be engaged in this administration and serve side by side**



**What January 6th shows us is that there is not an ounce, not an ounce, of compassion in Donald Trump. He is petty, he is vindictive and he is cruel. And Donald Trump is not fit to lead this good and great nation**



**Such use of force against civilians (China's assault on Vietnamese fishermen) blatantly violates international law and breaches basic human decency**



## SHORT TAKES

### 1st diagnostic test for mpox approved

**Geneva:** The UN health agency said Friday that it had approved the use of the first diagnostic test for mpox, a key tool in countries battling outbreaks. More than 800 people have died across Africa from mpox, where the disease has been officially detected in 16 countries, according to the African Union's disease control centre. "The approval for emergency use" of the test "will be pivotal in expanding diagnostic capacity in countries facing mpox outbreaks, where the need for quick and accurate testing has risen sharply", the World Health Organization said in a statement. The test, called the Alinity m MPXV assay and manufactured by Abbott Molecular Inc., enables the detection of the mpox virus from swabs taken from human lesions.

### Khan's protest: Pak tightens security

**Islamabad:** Pakistan's authorities sealed off the capital Islamabad Friday to foil a planned protest by the Tehreek-e-Insaf of former premier Imran Khan to show solidarity with the judiciary and increase pressure to release the former Prime Minister from the jail. He asked his followers to converge at the iconic D-Chowk of the capital to register a protest. It is the same venue where Khan held a sit-in for 126 days in 2014 against alleged rigging in the elections. The government responded by imposing Section 144 in the city to outlaw all sorts of protests and gatherings and blocked all major entry points to the capital by putting shipping containers on the roads.

### 70 dead in Haitian gang massacre

**Port-Au-Prince:** Armed men belonging to the Gran Grif gang killed at least 70 people as they passed through a Haitian town with automatic rifles shooting at residents, a spokesperson for the United Nations' Human Rights Office said Friday. "We are horrified by Thursday's gang attacks in the town of Pont-Sonde in Haiti's Artibonite department," spokesperson Thameen Al-Kheetan said in a statement. At least another 16 people were seriously injured in the attack in the early hours of Thursday, according to the UN, as gang members reportedly set fire to at least 45 houses and 34 vehicles, forcing residents to flee their homes.

## MIDDLE EAST ON EDGE

# Iran-Israel going all out

**ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES ROCK SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF BEIRUT AND CUT OFF KEY CROSSING INTO SYRIA**

REUTERS

**Beirut, Oct 4:** Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Friday that Iran and its regional allies will not back down, after an Israeli attack on Beirut that is thought to have targeted the heir apparent to the assassinated leader of Tehran-backed Hezbollah.

Iran raised the stakes when it fired missiles at Israel Tuesday, partly in retaliation for Israel's killing of Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, a towering figure who turned the group into a powerful armed and political force with reach across the Middle East.

Israel has vowed to respond and oil prices have risen on the prospect of a possible attack on Iran's oil facilities.

"The resistance in the region will not back down even with the killing of its leaders," Khamenei said in a rare appearance leading Friday prayers in Tehran, mentioning Nasrallah in his speech and calling its attack on Israel legal and legitimate.

Iran will not "procrastinate nor act hastily to carry out its duty" in confronting Israel, he said, without issuing a direct threat to Israel or the United States but grasping the barrel of



**Supreme Leader praises strikes against Israel  
Iran will attack Israeli energy facilities if it retaliates**

**Israeli military estimates it has killed around 250 Hezbollah fighters, including a number of battalion and company commanders**

The semi-official Iranian news agency SNN quoted Revolutionary Guards deputy commander Ali Fadavi as saying Friday that if Israel attacks, Tehran would target Israeli energy and gas installations.

Iran's escalating rhetoric comes as the fate of Hezbollah official Hashem Safieddine, rumored to be Nasrallah's successor, remains unknown. Axios reporter Barak Ravid cited three Israeli officials as saying that Safieddine had been targeted in an underground bunker in Beirut overnight but that his fate was not clear.

Israel's military declined comment and Hezbollah made no comment on Safieddine's fate. His brother Sayyed Abdallah Safieddine, who is Hezbollah's representative to Iran, attended Khamenei's speech in Tehran.

**FLATTENED BEIRUT BUILDINGS**  
On Friday, an Israeli strike on Beirut's southern suburbs killed a rescuer from the same unit and another on the southern Lebanese town of Marjayoun hit near its main hospital. Medical staffs have decided to temporarily evacuate, the hospital director Mounes Klakesh told Reuters.

Israel accuses the militants of hiding among civilians, which Hezbollah denies.

In the group's stronghold in Beirut's southern suburbs, many buildings have been reduced to rubble by a week of intensive strikes on the area. Along a main market street, known as Moawad Souk, nearly all the storefronts had been damaged and the street was filled with broken glass.

"We're alive but don't know for how long," said Nouhad Chaib, a 40-year-old man already displaced from the south.

Israeli air strikes had pummeled the district hours before Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi met with top Lebanese officials in Beirut, including caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati and speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri, a Hezbollah ally.

Iran's most senior diplomat also said his presence in Beirut "in these difficult circumstances" was the best evidence that Iran stood by Lebanon and supported the Shi'ites.

## SNIPPETS

### Lanka releases 50 Indian fishermen

**Colombo:** Sri Lanka Friday released 50 Indian fishermen arrested by its Navy for allegedly poaching in the island nation's waters, the Indian mission here said. Fishermen from both countries are arrested frequently for inadvertently trespassing into each other's waters. "Returning home! 50 Indian fishermen from Mayiladuthurai, Pudukottai and Nagapattinam have been released today and will be repatriated from Sri Lanka to Tamil Nadu later this week," the High Commission of India in Colombo posted on X along with some photographs of the released fishermen. The development comes amidst External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visiting Colombo to further strengthen India-Sri Lanka ties. The fishermen issue is a contentious one in the ties between India and Sri Lanka, with Lankan Navy personnel even firing at Indian fishermen in the Palk Strait and seizing their boats in several alleged incidents of illegally entering Sri Lankan territorial waters.



### EU votes to impose tariffs on China EVs

**Brussels:** European Union countries Friday voted to impose duties on imports of electric vehicles from China, as talks continued between Brussels and Beijing to find an amicable solution to their trade dispute before an end-of-October deadline. In a pivotal vote, 10 EU members backed tariffs and five voted against, with 12 abstentions, EU sources said. Those duties will come into force October 31 unless China has a solution to end the standoff. Commission spokesman Olof Gill said that any solution proposed by Beijing would have to be fully compatible with World Trade Organisation rules, remedy "the injurious subsidisation" by China, and be "monitorable and enforceable". Beijing opposes the duties. "China firmly opposes the EU's unfair, non-compliant and unreasonable protectionist practices in this case, and firmly opposes the EU's imposition of anti-subsidy duties on Chinese electric vehicles," a spokesperson at China's Commerce Ministry said.



# Kim threatens South Korea with N-strikes, if provoked

**NK leader says his military will use without hesitation all the offensive forces it possesses, including nuclear weapons, if South Korea attempts to use armed forces**

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**Seoul, Oct 4:** North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatened to use nuclear weapons and destroy South Korea permanently if provoked, state media reported Friday, after the South's leader warned that Kim's regime would collapse if he attempts to use nuclear arms.

The exchange of such rhetoric between the rival Koreas is nothing new, but the latest comments come during heightened animosities over the North's recent disclosure of a nuclear facility and the continuation of missile tests. Next week, observers say North Korea's rubber-stamp Parliament is expected to constitutionally declare a hostile "two-state" system on the Korean Peninsula to formally reject reconciliation with South Korea and codify new national borders. During a visit to a special operation forces unit Wednesday,



Kim said his military "would use without hesitation all the offensive forces it possesses, including nuclear weapons", if South Korea attempts to use armed forces encroaching upon the sovereignty of North Korea, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency. "If such a situation comes, the permanent existence of Seoul and the Republic of Korea would be impossible," Kim said, using South Korea's official name.

Kim's statement was a response to South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's speech at his country's Armed Forces Day Tuesday Unveiling South Korea's most powerful ballistic missile and other weapons that could

target North Korea, Yoon said the day that North Korea tries to use nuclear weapons would be the end of the Kim government because Kim would face "the resolute and overwhelming response" of the South Korean-US alliance.

Kim responded that Yoon's address fully betrayed his "bellicose temerity" and showed "the security uneasiness and irritating psychology of the puppet forces". In a derisive comment, Kim called Yoon "an abnormal man", saying that "the puppet Yoon bragged about an overwhelming counteraction of military muscle at the doorstep of a state that possesses nuclear weapons".

# Antarctica turning green at an alarming rate

*Scientists from universities of Exeter and Hertfordshire use satellite imagery and data to analyse vegetation levels in Antarctica*

AGENCIES



**London, Oct 4:** Antarctica, the southernmost continent and site of the South Pole, is known for its vast ice-covered landmass. But according to a new study, extreme heat events and climate change are turning parts of the continent green.

Scientists from universities of Exeter and Hertfordshire used satellite imagery and data to analyse vegetation levels in

Antarctica, which has been warming at alarming rate, much faster than the global average. As per reports, the team of researchers found plant life, mostly mosses, and said the green cover has increased 10-fold over the past four decades or 40 years. The study was published Friday in the journal Nature Geoscience. Study found that from a mea-

gre 0.4 square miles in 1986, the vegetation cover reached almost 5 square miles in 2021. In a period of five years, from 2016 to 2021, accelerated by more than 30 per cent. "Our findings confirm that the influence of anthropogenic climate change has no limit in its reach," Thomas Roland, a study author and environmental scientist at the University of

**Even on the Antarctic Peninsula, this most extreme, remote and isolated 'wilderness' region, the landscape is changing, and these effects are visible from space**

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Exeter: "Even on the Antarctic Peninsula, this most extreme, remote and isolated 'wilderness' region, the landscape is changing, and these effects are visible from space." Though the landscape is almost entirely snow, these researchers found that the green cover has grown dramatically. At a conference in Chile in August, nearly 1,500 academics, researchers and scientists discussed whether the extreme cli-

mate events meant Antarctica had reached a tipping point, or a point of accelerated and irreversible sea ice loss from the West Antarctic ice sheet.

"You might see the same rise in CO2 over thousands of years, and now it's happened in 100 years," said Liz Keller, a paleo-climate specialist from the Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

Antarctica, being the coldest place on Earth, was witnessed severe extreme heat events.

In summer months this year, the average temperature in the continent climbed up to 10 degrees Celsius above normal. In March 2022, temperatures in some parts of Antarctica reached up to 21.11 degrees Celsius above normal, the most extreme temperature variation ever recorded in the continent.



